

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Reserves Manager  
**REFERENCE:** C752  
**DATE:** 10 September 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Reserve Manager's Report

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The following is an update on capital projects and items of interest.

## RICHMOND

| Site              | Projects for 2007/08 | Timeframe  |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| Jubilee Park      | Irrigation           | Work to commence in September weather depending.   |
| Sandeman Reserve  | Planting/working bee | This planting went very well with a large contingent of MWH staff attending. 1000 plants were planted, an interpretation sign on Estuary values was installed and a boardwalk constructed. |
| Washbourn Gardens | Begonia House        | The Begonia House in the gardens suffered damage when the Douglas Fir fell on it. A structural Engineer is checking the house out and preparing a report.                                  |

The storm event on 30 July resulted in the loss of approximately 35 trees and shrubs and damaged fences.

Tree loss's occurred in:

|                     |                         |                        |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Jubilee Park (6)    | Washbourn Gardens (2)   | Richmond Cemetery (1)  |
| Reservoir Creek (2) | Jimmy Lee Creek (3)     | Richmond Pool site (1) |
| Queen St (1)        | Chelsea Ave Reserve (1) | Templemore Ponds (3)   |
| TDC Main Office (1) | St James walkway (1)    |                        |

## MOUTERE – WAIMEA

| Site                     | Projects for 2007/08          | Timeframe  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Aranui Park              | Pond development              | The hard landscaping work has been completed, work is continuing on the soft landscaping and tree work.  |
| Mapua Recreation Reserve | Path and Vehicle Barrier      | A gravel path is to be put in to link Iwa Street with the village mall. Vehicle barriers are to be installed to keep cars etc off the Sportsfields and the root zone of the large trees.   |
| Shuttleworth Reserve     | Playground                    | The equipment for this playground has been ordered.  |
| Two Rivers Walkway       | Planting                      | A planting is to be held on the walkway river berm on 13/9/08 volunteers from the Brightwater Community Council will be assisting but extra help would be most welcome. This years Honda funding will be used to finance this project.     |
| Kina Reserve             | Maintenance work              | Post and rope fences and sand ladders are to be installed in the reserve to help prevent pedestrian erosion of the coastal frontage. Tree work is also being carried out in the reserve.   |
| McKee Recreation Reserve | Maintenance work/Toilet Block | Post and rope fences and sand ladders are to be installed at this reserve to help prevent pedestrian erosion of the coastal frontage.<br>The new toilet block at the reserve has been completed.   |
| Rabbit Island            | Shade sails/Planting          | The posts for the shade sails are in place ready for the sail part.<br>Keep Richmond Beautiful planted 1000 spinifex plants on the front beach last week. SICON staff have planted the archaeological sites with natives and tree Lucerne. |
| Lord Rutherford Park     | Meeting/social room           | The construction of this building has commenced.   |
| Moreland Place Reserve   | Planting/development          | Staff are working with neighbours to the reserve and a local community group.  |

## LAKES – MURCHISON

| Site                         | Projects for 2007/08 | Timeframe  |
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| Murchison Recreation Reserve | Sportsfield upgrade  | This project is going well and further work will be carried out in spring. |

## MOTUEKA

| Site                                       | Projects for 2007/08                      | Timeframe  |
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| Decks Reserve                              | Historical Plaques<br>Tea House           | Information to go on plaques being finalised.<br>Prices being collected.   |
| Little Kaiteriteri / Stephens Bay Reserves | Coast care plantings<br>Revegetation work | The planting bee was held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> September and was well supported by the local communities.  |
| Linden Place Reserve                       | Survey/Development                        | The results of the development survey sent to residents have been collated. Residents generally supported the planting of nut trees on the reserve but not the removal of trees specifically to plant fruit or nut trees.<br>It has been agreed to plant four nut trees and four Feijoa trees in the reserve, remove the pampas, shift the flax, install more picnic tables, start a Revegetation programme along the stream and remove one tree for arboricultural reasons. |
| Torrent Bay                                | Coast care planting                       | 1500 spinifex plants are waiting to be planted on the beach with the local community once the sand replenishment project has been completed.   |

## GOLDEN BAY

| Site          | Projects for 2007/08 | Timeframe  |
|---------------|----------------------|--|
| Selwyn Street | Gravel Path          | The path in this area is being extended along the beach front to the Takaka Golf Course. |

## **REGIONAL**

Reserve winter plantings are continuing. If you are interested in attending any plantings Steve Richards or Kathy Tohill-Curnow can provide further details.

A complimentary letter was received from a local resident regarding the development of Sandeman Reserve and the information contained on the sign.

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**Reserves Manager**

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